

## **CHILDREN'S SECTION**

### **CHILD IDENTIFICATION KITS PROGRAM**

#### **Program Description**

The purpose of the Child Identification Kits Program is to provide support services and assistance to law enforcement in missing children searches. The child identification kits contain the following information for each child: photographs, physical description, personal/family information, and DNA samples. Having these kits available for law enforcement on children who may become missing/abducted will help in gathering evidence as the kits contain vital information which may be instrumental for investigating and prosecuting child abduction cases.

#### **Eligibility**

Vanished Children's Alliance of San Jose and Golden State YMCA Central California CARES in Visalia are the only eligible applicants.

#### **Authorized By**

California State Legislature and from a recommendation made by the Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force. The task force recommended the grant funds be given to Vanished Children's Alliance in San Jose and Golden State YMCA Central California CARES in Visalia to enhance the work which these two agencies have been doing in the child abduction field as well as having a well-established history of doing the work relevant to the program's intent.

#### **Fund Source and Amount**

Federal CJA Victims of Crime Act - \$22,500

CJA is supported by the Federal Crime Victim's Fund, an amalgamation of fines and fees collected from defendants convicted of Federal crimes. The Crime Victim's Fund is administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC). CJA grants are awarded by the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services, as authorized by Section 107 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended, October 3, 1996. Recipient states must be eligible for the CAPTA Basic State Grant and establish and maintain a multi-disciplinary task force on children's justice (CJA Task Force).

#### **Grant Award Period**

October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008

#### **Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date**

Non Competitive in progress

#### **Additional Program Information**

The program has four mandated objectives

1. Identify the target population to be served and outreach efforts conducted, in order to reach the target population;
2. develop and distribute identification kits;
3. provide free child identification services including fingerprinting; and
4. disseminate information regarding missing children and child abduction, including the distribution of posters and other awareness materials.

#### **How Do I Get More Information**

This program is administered by the Children's Section of the Victim and Children's Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 324-9120.